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SILVEIRA COMMEMORATING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF US-
BRAZILIAN RELATIONS

REF:BRASILIA 3080; STATE108944; STATE 110816

1 ON MAY 29 THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY FORWARDED TO THE DEPART-
MENT REPLIES FROM PRESIDENT GEISEL AND FON MIN SILVEIRA TO
THE LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY COMMEMORA-
TING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF US-
BRAZILIAN RELATIONS.

2. THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT GEISEL'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT
FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR MESSAGE OF MAY
26TH, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND BRAZIL, RECALLED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES WAS THE FIRST TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO BRAZIL AS
AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY. IT IS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT,
EVER SINCE, OUR PEOPLES AND OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE CONSTANTLY
FOUND THEMSELVES PURSUING SIMILAR GOALS AND THEREFORE COOP-
ERATING IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP.

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3. IT IS THE HOPE OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT SUCH BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE STRENGTHENED FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR COUNTRIES AND, AS YOU SAID, FOR THE

CAUSE OF PEACE AND PROGRESS AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. SINCERELY, ERNESTO GEISEL, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL. UNQUOTE.

4. THE TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA'S LETTER TO THE SECRETARY FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY I RECEIVED WITH PLEASURE YOUR MESSAGE ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, WHICH WAS DELIVERED TO ME ON THE VERY DAY OF THAT COMMEMORATION, MAY 26.

5. ON REVIEWING THE HISTORY OF OUR RELATIONS DURING THIS LONG PERIOD, IT IS GRATIFYING TO NOTICE THAT OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE FOUND SO MANY OCCASIONS OF WORKING IN CLOSE COOPERATION. I AM SURE THAT IN THE FUTURE, AS IN THE PAST, THE AREAS OF CONVERGENCE OF OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS WILL BE MANY AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP YOU REFERRED TO IN YOUR LETTER WILL PREVAIL IN OUR RELATIONS. WARMEST REGARDS, ANTONIO F. AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. UNQUOTE.

6. THE EMBASSY SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD INQUIRED WHETHER THE USG HAD ANY OBJECTIONS TO ITS MAKING THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS PUBLIC ON MAY 30. THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT THE USG HAD NO OBJECTIONS. KISSINGER

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